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COLUMNIST ASSESSES NIGERIA'S POLICIES, 'FOREIGN ENEMIES'

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BENIN SUNDAY OBSERVER IN ENGLISH 29 FEB 76 PP 3, [REDACTED]

((OLD AKHAGBUN COLUMN: "WE MUST WATCH OUT FOR ENEMIES OF NIGERIA"))

((EXCERPTS)) ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) IT IS NECESSARY FOR NIGERIANS
TO REFLECT ON THE EVENTS OF THE RECENT PAST IN ORDER TO
UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION IN WHICH WE NOW FIND OURSELVES AND FROM
THERE ON MOBILISE OUR RESOURCES HUMAN AND MATERIAL, SO AS TO
MOVE FORWARD. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))

THE MURTACA MOHAMMED ADMINISTRATION DEFINITELY MARKS A
WATERSHED IN THE HISTORY OF NIGERIA

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FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE INDEPENDENCE IN SIXTY 1960,
ORDINARY NIGERIANS PROVIDED FOR RELEASE 2005/11/21 : CIA-RDP78-03097A002400030014-0
WHICH REFLECTS THEIR DEEP YEARNINGS AND ASPIRATIONS, ((PASSAGE
OMITTED))

BOTH IN THEIR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES, THE MOHAMMED
ADMINISTRATION HAS A MAJORITY OF NIGERIANS SOLIDLY BEHIND THEM.
BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL NIGERIANS WISH THEM WELL;
((PASSAGE OMITTED))

IN ORDER TO RETURN NIGERIA TO THE PATH OF SANITY AND A
DECENT PUBLIC LIFE, THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION HAD TO GO
SEVERAL SUPPOSEDLY SACRED OXEN,

IN FACT, IN ORDER TO REDEEM THE GOOD NAME OF NIGERIA, THE
PRESENT REGIME TOOK A NUMBER OF CORRECT BUT "UNPLEASANT"
DECISIONS (UNPLEASANT TO THE ROBBERS IN OUR MIDST) AND SO EARNED
THE ILL-WILL OF A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DIRTY CROOKS IN THE SHORTEST
TIME POSSIBLE,

THE PAN-AFRICAN AND REVOLUTIONARY DIRECTION OF NIGERIA'S
FOREIGN POLICY ALSO EARNED US THE ENMITY OF OUR SO-CALLED
TRADITIONAL FRIENDS ABROAD,

ABOUT A WEEK AFTER A GENERAL MURTALA MOHAMMED PLAYED HIS HISTORIC
ROLE AT THE OAU EMERGENCY SUMMIT ON ANGOLA, (MIDDLE JANUARY
SEVENTYSIX 1976 AMERICA CALLED ALL HER DIPLOMATS IN AFRICA TO A
SPECIAL MEETING IN ACCRA,

I SPOKE TO ONE OF THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATS WHO ATTENDED
THE MEETING WHILE I WAS IN ACCRA IN THE THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY,
SEVENTYSIX 1976.

THE WHITE AMERICA DIPLOMAT TALKED ALOUD OF BULLSHIT ABOUT
SOUTHERN AFRICA,

HE WAS ARGUING THAT THINGS ARE NOT AS BAD AS SOME RADICAL
AFRICAN STATES MAKE OUT,

HE REGRETTED BITTERLY THAT NIGERIA TOOK THE STAND SHE TOOK ON
THE ANGOLAN SITUATION

WE HAVE ALL READ IN THE AMERICAN TIME MAGAZINE A STORY ABOUT
HOW HENRY KISSINGER Approved For Release 2005/11/21 : CIA-RDP78-03097A002400080014-0
NO AFRICAN POLICY.

WELL, LET US LOOK AT THE SCORE BOARD AND SEE HOW NIGERIA
STANDS WITH AMERICA.

IF THE WHOLE OF AFRICA, ESPECIALLY SOUTHERN AFRICA IS
LIBERATED THAT WOULD BE A DANGEROUS CRACK IN THE EDIFICE OF
WORLD CAPITALISM; AN EDIFICE OF WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS THE
CHIEF ARCHITECT.

NO AMOUNT OF DIPLOMATIC HYPOCRISY WOULD HIDE THE FACT THAT
A SET-BACK FOR PORTUGAL AND THE WHITE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA IS ALSO A SET-BACK FOR AMERICAN MONOPOLY CAPITAL ABROAD.

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THE GOWON REGIME REACHED THE NADIR OF DECADENCE WHEN THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT STARTED FILING COURT ACTIONS AGAINST PROMINENT
NIGERIANS IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH SUGGESTED HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE
FINANCIAL DEALS.

WHAT SERVICES DID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPECT IN RETURN FOR
ASSISTING THE CAPITALIST ADVENTURES OF A FEW SELECTED NIGERIANS?

ALL I AM SAYING IS THAT EVERYTHING THAT THE MURTALA
ADMINISTRATION DID WAS RIGHT FOR NIGERIA AND FOR AFRICA.

BUT THEN THESE POLICIES PUT US AS A COUNTRY, RIGHT ON THE
TIGER'S BACK.

WHEN YOU RIDE ON A TIGER'S BACK, THE LEAST MISCALCULATION
PUTS YOU INSIDE THE TIGER'S TUMMY.

THAT WAS PRECISELY OUR SITUATION WHEN ODIKA AND HIS COLLABORATORS
STAGED THEIR DASTARDLY Putsch.

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NOTY DISCUSSED ON THE PAGES OF NEWSPAPERS.

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THOROUGHLY KNOW THEIR JOB.

I SIMPLY WANT TO REMIND LT GENERAL OGBANJO AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL THAT TO EVERY ACTION, HOWEVER PATRIOTIC, THERE IS A REACTION.

THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION DID IN TWO HUNDRED 200 DAYS WHAT OTHERS WERE TOO TIMID TO DREAM OF OVER THE FIFTEEN 15-YEAR PERIOD.

WHEN YOU HAVE GIVEN A CORRUPT COUNTRY SUCH A THOROUGH SHAKE-UP, THINGS CANNOT BE THE SAME AGAIN.

THE DIMKA AND THEIR FOREIGN MEMBERS IN OUR MIDST WOULD DO EVERYTHING TO TURN THE HANDS OF THE CLOCK BACK BY A HUNDRED YEARS.

IT IS THE NATIONAL DUTY OF THE REST OF US TO PREVENT THEM FROM HALTING NIGERIA'S PROGRESS. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))

THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IS AWARE OF ALL THE PROBLEMS; THEY SHOULD NOT ALLOW OUR FOREIGN ENEMIES TO SPREAD FEAR AND DESPONDENCE AMONG OUR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL.

FINALLY, OUR CURRENT REVOLUTIONARY STANCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS CAN BE SUSTAINED ONLY IF WE KEEP A TIGHT CONTROL OF OUR DOMESTIC FRONT.

EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE TO UNDERMINE THE BASIS OF OUR ECONOMIC FORTUNE-- OIL.

NKRUMAH WAS MANOEUVRED OUT OF POWER WITH THE MANIPULATION OF COCOA PRICES.

CURRENTLY, COPPER PRICES ARE BEING MANIPULATED IN ORDER TO MAKE ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA RUN FOR HELP TO THE AMERICAN PAMPHOP.

MY READING OF THE PETROLEUM MARKET IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE TELLS ME THAT NIGERIAN WILL HAVE TO DO SOME HARD ECONOMIC THINKING IF WE ARE NOT TO FACE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE WHICH IS BEING PLANNED FOR US BY THOSE WHO CAN ONLY SEE AFRICANS AS LIVING IN

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